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December 14, 2004

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
Leveraged Lease Financing  
BNSF 2004-J

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-J), dated as of December 15, 2004, between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-J Statutory Trust, as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"), a primary document as defined in the Surface Transportation Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are as follows:

Lessee: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
2500 Lou Menk Drive  
Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828

Lessor: U.S. Bank Trust National Association  
225 Asylum Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
Attention: Corporate Trust Services

The equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement consists of 730 Covered Hopper Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 478286 through BNSF 479412; 57 Refrigerated Boxcars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 793810 through BNSF 794069; and 345 Gondola Coal Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 669343 through BNSF 669698, inclusive; all as specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-J) between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-J Statutory Trust, as Lessor and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee.

A fee of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of the enclosed document along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed document and return the original and any extra copies of such document and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Robert Alvord, Esq.  
Alvord and Alvord  
1050 Seventeenth Street, N.W.  
Suite 301  
Washington, D.C. 20036

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-2991).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

By Michael D. Robson  
Michael D. Robson

Enclosures

**EXHIBIT A****UNITS**

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
Covered Hopper Cars (Bonus)	730	BNSF 478286; BNSF 478294; BNSF 478300; BNSF 478303; BNSF 478305 through 478364 inclusive; BNSF 478366 through 478377 inclusive; BNSF 478379 through 478423 inclusive; BNSF 478425; BNSF 478426; BNSF 478441; BNSF 478449; BNSF 478450; BNSF 478453 through 478680 inclusive; BNSF 478682 through 478767 inclusive; BNSF 478769 through 478773 inclusive; BNSF 478775; BNSF 478936 through 478975 inclusive; BNSF 478977 through 478993 inclusive; BNSF 478995 through 479049 inclusive; BNSF 479054; BNSF 479060 through 479063 inclusive; BNSF 479065 through 479073 inclusive; BNSF 479075; BNSF 479076; BNSF 479078; BNSF 479236 through 479324 inclusive; BNSF 479326 through 479330 inclusive; BNSF 479332; BNSF 479333; BNSF 479335 through 479338 inclusive; BNSF 479340; BNSF 479341; BNSF 479343; BNSF 479346; BNSF 479349; BNSF 479351 through 479353 inclusive; BNSF 479355 through 479357 inclusive; BNSF 479359 through 479361 inclusive; BNSF 479364 through 479378 inclusive; BNSF 479380 through 479402 inclusive; BNSF 479407; BNSF 479408; BNSF 479412

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
Refrigerated Boxcars (Bonus)	57	BNSF 793810, BNSF 793866, BNSF 794009, BNSF 794014, BNSF 794016, BNSF 794018 through BNSF 794069 inclusive
Gondola Coal Cars (Bonus)	345	BNSF 669343, BNSF 669344, BNSF 669355, BNSF 669356, BNSF 669358 through BNSF 669698 inclusive

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MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT  
(BNSF 2004-J)

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Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, made and entered into as of December 15, 2004, by and between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, a national banking association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("Lessee").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-J), dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "Lease Agreement"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
not in its individual capacity, but solely as  
Owner Trustee

By 

Name:

Title:

Michael M. Hopkins  
Vice President

Executed on this 13 day of December, 2004.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE  
RAILWAY COMPANY

By \_\_\_\_\_

Name: L. Steven Vollmer

Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2004.

**MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT  
(BNSF 2004-J)**

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, made and entered into as of December 5, 2004, by and between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, a national banking association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

**WITNESSETH:**

The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-J), dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
not in its individual capacity, but solely as  
Owner Trustee

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:

Executed on this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2004.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE  
RAILWAY COMPANY

By  \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: L. Steven Vollmer  
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004.

STATE OF Connecticut )  
 )  
COUNTY OF Hartford ) SS.:

On this, the 13 day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Michael M. Hopkins who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December 13, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Karen R. Felt  
Name:  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: KAREN R. FELT  
Residing in NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires 02/28/2009

STATE OF TEXAS )  
 )  
COUNTY OF TARRANT ) SS:

On this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2004, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on December \_\_\_\_, 2004, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Notary Public -  
My Commission Expires:  
Residing in

(SEAL)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS.:  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

On this, the \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the \_\_\_\_\_ of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December \_\_\_\_, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:  
Residing in \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF TEXAS )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF TARRANT )

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on December 14, 2004, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Nadine M. Grandi  
Name: NADINE M. GRANDI  
Notary Public -  
My Commission Expires: 06/05/2008  
Residing in FORT WORTH, TX



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**CERTIFICATION**

I, Robert W. Alvord, attorney licensed to practice in the State of New York and the District of Columbia, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have compared the attached copy with the original thereof and have found the copy to be complete and identical in all respects to the original document.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

12/14/04



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Robert W. Alvord